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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Please see letter attached.

Sincerely,

Robert Ripley

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support for Microsoft in its antitrust case. In November 2001, Microsoft agreed to settle the case. There are many provisions that Microsoft has accepted that make a strong case for accepting the settlement.

Microsoft has approved the sale of its products, at an equal price for all, to the leading 20 computer makers. Not only this, but Microsoft has granted rival software developers open access to Windows and other documents relating to Microsoft products. These are only two of the many areas in which Microsoft has agreed to compromise.

I believe that the terms of the settlement with Microsoft are liberal towards their rivals, to-say-the-least. The Justice Department should take this historic opportunity to end this antitrust case and let all sides involved move on to bigger and better endeavors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Ripley